

caused by a dense fibrous tissue reaction at the insertion site of a prosthetic valve.⁵ The obstructing tissue had a different macroscopic appearance from the membrane described in our case in which the membrane was thin and pliable.

This case illustrates the difficulty of diagnosing this rare condition before operation and raises questions about the aetiology of supravulvar membranes. If operation has been performed on the atrioventricular valve the possibility of an acquired supravulvar membrane should be considered when signs of atrioventricular valve stenosis subsequently appear.

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